

HONORING FIREFIGHTER ROBERT
STEPHEN BOUDREAU**HON. FELIX J. GRUCCI, JR.**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the retirement of a fine New York City Firefighter, Robert Stephen Boudreau.

On April 11, 1942, in the small village of Gaytons, New Brunswick, Canada, Robert Stephen Boudreau was born to Mary and Joseph. He was the youngest of four sons. Bob grew up in Canada and came to the United States in the early 1960's. From 1964–1966 he served as a Military Policeman in the Continental Headquarters Command of the United States Army. On September 24, 1967, Judy Weider and Bob were married.

A year later, November 30, 1968, Bob became a proud member of the New York City Fire Department. His first assignment was Ladder Company 47 in the Bronx and then College Point in Queens. Bob was promoted to Lieutenant on April 2, 1983 and was a covering officer for a year in Battalion 34 in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn. From there, Engine Company 238 in Greenpoint became his permanent assignment. On October 31, 1989, Bob was promoted to Captain, where he was on covering assignments in Division 10 before becoming a member of Engine 270 in Richmond Hill. Prior to his retirement, Bob served at Engine 302 and Ladder 155 in South Ozone Park, Queens. Although his love for the Fire Department will never waiver, Bob officially retired on July 8, 2001, after spending close to 33 years on the department. Today, September 22, 2001, members of every firehouse Bob has served in come together to celebrate his accomplishments and to cheer him on to his retirement.

During their marriage, Bob and Judy were blessed with three beautiful daughters: Kimberly Anne, Denise Marie, and on Valentine's Day 1976, Danielle Valerie joined their family. In 1995, Bob welcomed two "sons" to the family when Denise married Tom Scott and Kimberly married Steven Goldberg. Bob will soon be welcoming another "son" to the family, when Danielle and Alan DeLellis marry. After raising three daughters, Bob became the grandfather of Evan James on March 15, 1999, and twins, Dylan Thomas and Ryan Gerard on July 19, 2001, and he and Judy look forward to yet another grandchild in February. Bob's greatest loves are his family and friends, and the time he has spent serving as a New York City Firefighter.

COMMENDING THE STUDENTS,
TEACHERS, PARENTS AND SUP-
PORT STAFF OF SUZANNE MID-
DLE SCHOOL**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the students, teachers, parents, and support staff of Suzanne Middle School on being named a 2001 California Distinguished School.

Suzanne Middle School, located in Walnut, California, is part of the Walnut Valley School District. Home to 1,300 sixth, seventh, and eighth-graders, its student body is representative of California's diverse culture. But despite the various backgrounds represented, each student is expected to contribute a learning environment which demands high expectations.

The teachers and staff of this school are committed to giving "whatever it takes" to meet the needs of their students. This goal frequently requires involving the parents and community in school activities.

The combination of high expectations for students, committed teachers and staff, and parental involvement has made Suzanne Middle School one of America's Distinguished Schools.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM E. MARTIN,
POSTHUMOUS RECIPIENT OF THE
JERSEY CITY EDUCATION ASSO-
CIATION'S LOUIS T. SCIALLI ME-
MORIAL AWARD**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late William E. Martin, a posthumous recipient of the Jersey City Education Association's Louis T. Scialli Memorial Award. A special ceremony remembering the achievements and accomplishments of Mr. Martin will take place on September 25, 2001, at the Meadowlands Crowne Plaza in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Youth outreach and community service initiatives were always top priorities in William Martin's life. In 1946, Archbishop Boland, the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, appointed him Director of the CYO Center in Hudson County, New Jersey. While at CYO, he established one of the largest day camps in the state, with over 1,000 children participating in his youth programs.

In 1956, William Martin began his distinguished career with the United Way Foundation, serving as President of the United Way in Hudson County. During his tenure, Mr. Martin was instrumental in establishing over 30 Tri-State United Way agencies. As a result of his hard work and dedication, United Way now provides social services in over 700 communities throughout the Tri-State area, lending assistance to over 8 million people a year.

Beyond his administrative duties, William Martin also served as an Ambassador for the United Way Foundation. In 1988, he was chosen by this peers to set up United Way services in Beijing, China and Hong Kong. In addition, he assisted in the implementation of United Way services in Vietnam, Pakistan, Egypt, and the Philippines.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring William Martin for his distinguished service and diligent efforts on behalf of the residents of Hudson County, New Jersey.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LEE
SPERRY**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, the State of Colorado is growing at a tremendous pace and it requires sincere dedication and knowledge to help manage such expansion. After sixteen years of service to the people of Delta County as a member of the Planning Commission, Lee Sperry has decided to hand in his resignation. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the important contributions that Lee has made and thank him for his years of service.

A lot has changed since Lee first joined the Planning Commission. Ideas of unbridled growth have been tempered with concerns of open land preservation. Throughout this fundamental change, Lee has always attempted to maintain a balanced perspective between the county's master plan and the desires of the public seeking to live out their goals and dreams. Lee has a keen interest in ensuring that the common person is not overlooked in deliberations.

Mr. Speaker, as we wrestle with the issue of growth in Colorado, Lee Sperry has done an outstanding job shepherding that process for over sixteen years. He has truly helped to preserve the heritage of Colorado while allowing it to progress into the future judiciously. It is with great appreciation that I recognize Lee today and I extend my warmest regards to him upon his retirement and wish him many happy years to come.

HONORING THE CATHOLIC-JEWISH
COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEW
JERSEY ON SIGNING AN INTER-
FAITH AGREEMENT OF UNDER-
STANDING AND COOPERATION**HON. JIM SAXTON**

OF NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues to recognize the Catholic-Jewish Commission of Southern New Jersey as among the first in the nation to create a formal Agreement of Understanding and Cooperation between their faith communities.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Camden, Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and the Tri-County Board of Rabbis have committed themselves to eliminating all forms of anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism, racism and religious intolerance, and in promoting mutual understanding.

In the spirit of their respective traditions, this Agreement affirms the continuing commitment of these two communities to uphold and observe the right of every human being to freedom of religion and conscience.

We believe this Agreement is a shining example of a sound and lasting basis for continuing development of interfaith cooperation.